



January 27, 2006

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333 West Ocean Blvd
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VIA Fax & Overnight Delivery

RE: Draft EIR No. 37-03

Long Beach Airport Terminal Area Improvement - Alaska Airlines, Inc. Response.

Dear Ms. Reynolds;

Upon completing its review of the above referenced EIR, Alaska Airlines, Inc. ("Alaska") submits this letter to clarify its position with respect to the EIR process and related proposed terminal building upgrade/modernization project. As stated in its letter to you dated May 6, 2005, Alaska supports the concept of an upgrade/modernization project for the Long Beach Municipal Airport.

While Alaska does not currently have enough information to lend its support to a particular project design alternative, Alaska does concur with the EIR and Long Beach City Council's recommendation that any terminal upgrade/modernization project shall not exceed 102,850 square feet. Given the existing limits on airport capacity at Long Beach Municipal Airport, Alaska restates the need for the airport and airlines to continue their dialogue so that the airlines can better understand the proposed project scope, capital cost, and long-term operating/maintenance costs. Until such time, Alaska is unable to support any particular project design/scope alternative.

Since the initial HNTB Study dated May 2004, many operational related decisions continue to affect the way airlines do business. Because of these changes, Alaska proposes that revisiting the programming study may better produce a facility that is financially viable and even more efficient in its design and allocation of space. Alaska also proposes that the planned use and assignments for aircraft parking be revisited before determining the final number of positions that are necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter. Alaska is committed to continuing its award-winning service to the Long Beach community. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Alaska Airlines, Inc.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mukesh Patel", is written over the signature line.

Mukesh (Mookie) Patel
Manager, Airport Affairs

Cc:
Mayor Beverly O'Neill
City Council Members
Planning Commission Members
Chris Kunze, Airport Manager